

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ralph Henderson called the meeting to order at 7PM. Pledge of allegiance. All members present. Council member Dave Benefiel moved to approve August 24, 2011 minutes as written. Council member Harry Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos. Council member Benefiel moved to approve payment of APV's. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. No report.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike McCarey with NineStar presented to the Council a Fiber optics Line Proposal. Mr. McCarey stated their marketing department would ask all residents along the proposed line if they would like services. This Line will not be available to all Morristown residents though at this time. The Council stated since Morristown tax dollars have been put into this already the Town would like to see another proposal that would give all Town residents the option of services. Mr. McCarey was also asked about available services and pricing, he had no answer for Council. Mr. McCarey stated that is a decision the President of NineStar can only make. Council member Benefiel moved to not approve the Fiber optics Line Proposal at this time until a timeline can be presented for when all Town residents will have the option of services. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

B. Adam with Wessler Engineering presented the First Pay Application for the Sludge Removal to be paid to Synagro for \$257,510.25. Council member Benefiel moved to pay Center Grove \$257,510.25. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

C. A Wellhead Protection Plan needs to be revised and enacted to be in compliance with IDEM. This will cost no more than \$8,600 based on hourly fees. Council member Benefiel moved to hire Wessler Engineering to make the Wellhead Protection Plan. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

D. Well #2 is out of operation. Use study for total well capacity and grant for study is being looked into.

E. Jennie Livzey, the Morristown Volleyball Coach, requested the quarterly donation from the Town for the Morristown Volleyball to purchase a new storage unit for their equipment and a cart for the poles at a total of \$500. Council member Benefiel moved to donate \$500 to the Morristown Volleyball. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

IV. CLERK TREASURER

A. Clerk Treasurer Reber opened the Hearing for the Morristown Budget 2012. Each Fund total was read. After no questions Clerk Treasurer Reber closed the Hearing. The Budget can be adopted at the next Council meeting.

B. A local business has requested an adjustment to their sewer bill due to using a lot of water to power wash their business. Two residents also need sewer

adjustments. Council member Benefiel moved to adjust all three bills. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

V. LEGAL

- A. Bunge will be giving Town Attorney Messer Annexation paperwork soon. Umbaugh will have the annexation fiscal plan complete soon also.
- B. Resolution 3-2011 was presented the Council for approval concerning annexation of contiguous boundaries and improvements to be made within one year. Council member Benefiel moved approve Resolution 3-2011. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- C. Letters to residents and industries concerning annexation. Hearing will be held the first meeting in December.
- D. Three bids were presented to the Town for repaving of the sidewalks in front of the Town office building and the sidewalk in front of the school. Bowles, \$16,354.95; American Contractors, \$14,900.00; Cord Brothers \$23,477.00. Council member Justus moved to hire American Contractors. Council member Benefiel 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.
- E. The Council would like to begin the process of declaring the building at 438 W Main St. as an unsafe building. Building will be inspected by Planning Director at 4 PM this Friday 09/16/2011.

VI. WATER/WASTEWATER/STREETS

- A. A list has been made of trees that need pruned. Next meeting a list will be brought of which trees is the Town's responsibility and which is the resident's responsibility.
- B. Street in Ridgeland's Hanover Dr and Abbey Ct need to be paved with top coat of asphalt. Crim and Sons submitted a bid of \$28100 to repave and repair sidewalks and curbs as needed. Bid also had a lock in rider of \$700. Council member Benefiel made a motion to accept quote from Crim and Sons with lock in rider. Council member Justus seconded.

VII. POLICE

- A. New cell phones are needed for the Police Department and for Caleb Osborne. The current phones are due for an upgrade. Council member Benefiel moved to purchase new cell phones. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Council member Benefiel moved to adjourn meeting. Council member Justus 2nd. 3 ayes. 0 nos.

Ralph Henderson
President

Thomas W. Reber
Clerk Treasurer